

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available and 4,567 licenses were issued for the 2018 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (3,022 residents, 1,545 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

The survey sample size was 792 (19% of hunters) and the response rate was 78%. Surveys were sent via email and regular mail. The reported success rate was 32% and the projected harvest was 1,441 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 14 through May 20 and hunters averaged 3.38 days of hunting for a projected total of 14,446 days of recreation.

Resident hunters purchased 410 licenses for the BH2 unit, where tags were only valid May 1-20. Of those, 117 did not have a unit BH1 license; therefore, only 293 hunters purchased two licenses for the season. Reported success for unit BH2 for those hunters who purchased two licenses was 19%.

Comparison of the 2009-2018 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons

Year	Licenses Issued	Harvest	Avg Days Hunted	Tag Success	Average Satisfaction
2009	5,474	2,346	3.46	43%	5.69
2010	5,244	2,195	3.97	42%	5.36
2011	4,808	1,693	3.53	35%	5.28
2012	4,435	1,685	3.63	38%	5.31
2013	4,512	1,517	3.18	34%	5.08
2014	3,944	1,258	3.19	32%	4.99
2015	3,877	1,258	3.44	32%	4.89
2016	4,056	1,575	3.38	39%	5.21
2017	4,401	1,701	3.48	39%	5.30
2018	4,567	1,441	3.38	32%	5.15

2018 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Licenses																							
08/27/2018		Resident		Nonresident		Response		Tag	Hunter			Harvest Estimate			Ave. Days	Avg									
Unit/Type	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold	Hunters	Rate	Success	Success	LCI	UCI	Toms	Jakes	Total	Hunted	Satsfctn										
BH1-32	Unlim	2,612	Unlim	1,545	4,274	77.90%	32%	33%	29%	36%	1,337	104	1,441	3.38	5.15										
BH2-32	Unlim	410	0	0																					
		3,022		1,545																					
Response rate for the season was 77.9%																									
Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.																									
293 hunters had licenses for both BH1 and BH2 units																									

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